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MONTHLY REPORT

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

December, 1941

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ICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

January 6, 1942.

MEMORANDUM for the Director:

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park for the month of December, 1941:

Weather Conditions. The weather throughout most of the month was quite pleasant but sub-zero temperatures prevailed during most of the last five days and nights and at the end of the old year the temperature reached 25° below zero at Mammoth while at West Yellowstone a low of 47° below zero was recorded as the new year entered. On December 2 it rained most of the day, turning to snow on the third, and by the fourth there were some four inches of snow on the ground at headquarters. All of the roads in the park were closed throughout the month, with the exception of the road from Mammoth to Gardiner and the Northeast Entrance and Cooke, which was kept open with snowplows for the benefit of Cooke and Silver Gate residents and to afford an opportunity for winter visitors to view the wildlife along this north section of highway.

The following weather data were recorded at Mammoth: maximum temperature, 50° on the twentieth; minimum temperature, -14° on the thirty-first; total precipitation, 1.30 inches; depth of snow December 31, 1941, 3 inches.

The following snow depths were recorded in the park at the close of the month:

Bechler River.....	33.0"	Madison Junction...	16"
Buffalo Lake.....	43.0"	Mammoth.....	3.0"
Buffalo Ranch.....	6.5"	Northeast Entrance.	23.0"
Cascade Creek..... (December 18)	18.0"	Old Faithful.....	22.0"
		South Riverside....	32.0"
Gallatin.....	10.0"	Tower Falls.....	10.0"
Crevice.....	13.0"	Snake River.....	22.0"
East Entrance.....	16"	West Yellowstone...	20.0"

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The following arrivals were recorded in the [illegible] at the close of the month:

Gardiner River	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yellowstone Lake	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fishing Bridge	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grassy Lake	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
December 1941		[illegible]	[illegible]
Mammoth	[illegible]	Lower Falls	[illegible]
Tower	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canyon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers returned to the park December 1 from Chicago, where he had attended a meeting of Railroad Executives and Yellowstone Park officials in connection with the Yellowstone rail travel for the 1942 season. He remained in the park until December 13, when he departed by car for Denver on annual leave. He expected to remain in Denver until about the middle of January when he was to report to Washington for a special assignment. Following his departure, Assistant Superintendent Emmert became Acting Superintendent.

On December 23 Messrs. Emmert, Joffe and LaNoue met in Gardiner with members of the Gardiner Commercial Club to discuss preparations for "Montana Day" and other matters of mutual interest.

December 7, 1941 will be a day long remembered in United States history and the activities of this day will also vitally affect the Yellowstone and its travel. On the morning of this memorable day the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and declared war upon the United States. This action caused a hurried number of events; the following day the President spoke to a joint session of Congress and requested that war be declared on Japan, which action was taken by Congress the same day. There was only one dissenting vote in either House to the declaration of war against Japan, that of Congresswoman Jeannette Rankin of Montana. The evening of the same day saw blackouts on the West coast when enemy planes were sighted. On December 11 Germany and Italy both declared war upon the United States and Congress, on the same day, retaliated by declaring war upon these two powers. Before the end of the month automobile tires were being rationed throughout the United States, which action will vitally affect travel to the parks next summer. The rationing of other items, which is bound to follow, will also have its effect on park travel. On December 17 the Director of the National Parks declared, in a memorandum, that "As in the last war, the areas of the national parks will remain available as refuges for relaxation, stimulation, and inspiration of those overtaxed by the physical and mental strain of the war. It is the responsibility of all of us to preserve and administer the parks and historic sites in such manner as to afford the Nation their highest values. Where public necessity dictates, uses of the parks will extend to fields not usually contemplated, including the possibility of direct military use. Until we are definitely called to other duties by the established authorities, it is our responsibility to protect and operate the areas that have been entrusted to our care to the best of our ability."

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The Red Cross drive in the park got under way on December 15 and $144 was collected and turned in to the Park County, Montana Chapter on December 23. There are a number of pledges still outstanding, which should bring the total over the $200 mark.

As is usual in December, many of our employees took advantage of the holidays to go on annual leave and near the end of the month we were working with a minimum of personnel. Upon authority from Washington, all employees on duty were granted two hours off, from 3 to 5 p. m., on December 24, the day preceding Christmas.

Park Naturalist C. Max Bauer left the park on December 11 for Death Valley National Monument where he is on special assignment for about three months this winter.

There was a considerable change in the clerical personnel during the month. Clerk-stenographers Toni Rulli and Rose Christensen resigned and left the park on December 19. Seasonal clerk Nina Capiluppo also departed on the same date. Seasonal clerk Gezalla M. Kerr, selected from the 13th Civil Service District register, entered on duty on December 8 and was assigned to the Fiscal Office, while Helen Roccaro, also selected from the 13th District register, entered on duty in the Chief Ranger's Office the following day. Assistant Clerk Susanna A. Novicki, who entered on duty November 19, was changed to an assistant clerk position on December 4 and will be promoted to Miss Christensen's vacancy on January 1, 1942. There are still two remaining clerical vacancies in Grade 7 to fill in our permanent organization.

Inspections. Captain E. S. Luce, Superintendent, Custer Battlefield National Cemetery, arrived on December 3 for a discussion on Custer Battlefield matters.

Supervisor Arthur E. Lindburg, who arrived on December 15, departed on the seventeenth.

Status of Private Lands. On December 5 the Child Estate was mailed a check for $690 for its property in the case of U. S. vs. Roy N. Armstrong Et Al., No. 74, by the clerk of the U. S. District Court, Helena, Montana. On December 11 Anton and Agnes Stermitz received a check for $9392 as part payment on account of their claim totalling $9700, in case 74, U. S. vs. Roy N. Armstrong, Et. Al. On December 30 C. W. Buntin, special assistant to the U. S. Attorney, Lewistown, Montana, advised us that this case had been set for trial

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Inspections. Captain [illegible], Chief Ranger, [illegible] Field Assistant Lowery, [illegible] for a [illegible] Junior Artificial [illegible].

Supervisor Arthur E. Hodson, the arrives on December 17, [illegible] on the reservation.

Thefts or private land. On December 5 the U.S. [illegible] sued a [illegible] for the property in the case of [illegible] Hay K. Armstrong et al., [illegible], in the clerk of the U. S. District Court, Tulare, California. On December 11 [illegible] received a check for $[illegible] as part pay out of [illegible] totalling $[illegible], in case No. [illegible], [illegible] Armstrong, [illegible]. On December 20 [illegible], special assistant to the [illegible], Lowlytown, [illegible], advised us that this case had been set for trial

at Helena for January 10, 1942, at 10 a.m., and requested that Yellowstone employees concerned therewith be in Helena to act as witnesses for the Government.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. Topographic sheets for a portion of the Custer Battlefield National Cemetery were completed and a revision of the layout for the Mammoth cabin area required new plans for roads and utility studies. P.C.P. forms for Devils Tower National Monument were started as well as a summary of maintenance records for the shuttle cards.

General Publicity. A press release was sent out on December 23 with regard to skiing conditions in the park and the animal show along the north line.

Maintenance. Road maintenance, consisting almost entirely of snow removal, was confined to the section between Gardiner and Cooke and on the service roads in the Mammoth area. One round trip of the rotary snowplow and three of the blade plow were necessary.

New Construction. All concrete pours were completed on the Mammoth Comfort Station, Project 401, and the carpenters had started work of interior framing.

Special Improvement Activities. C.C.C. activities were confined to grading operations on the Mammoth cabin development area, construction of one employee's cottage, Project No. 490, and continuation of work on the minor road in the Mammoth area, Project 460. Work strength for the period was approximately 85 enrollees, allowing between 35 and 40 as work strength on project work.

Park Operators. On December 15 Dr. Jack E. Hays entered on duty as resident physician for the park Medical Officer, Dr. G. A. Windsor, succeeding Dr. R. E. Fallis, who resigned to engage in the medical practice in Michigan. The annual report covering the operations of C. A. Hamilton and Hamilton Stores, Inc., was received and forwarded to Washington on December 29. The proposed schedule of rates for 1942 for Haynes, Inc. was forwarded to Washington for approval on December 29, 1941. The proposed schedule of basic rates for the Yellowstone Park Company for 1942 was received on December 31 and will be forwarded to Washington, after review, for final approval.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. 461 persons entered the park during the month, as against 1079 last December. The total travel from October 1, 1941 to the end of December was 12,638, as against 12,770 to the same date last year, a decrease of 132, or 1%.

at Helena for January 10, 1942, at 11 a.m., was requested that Yellowstone employees concerned therewith be in attendance to act in accordance for the government.

Plans, maps and surveys. Topographic maps in the vicinity of the Custer Battlefield National Cemetery were completed and copies of the layout for the proposed cabin area requiring new plans in view and utility buildings. C.C.C. forces for service lower Bighorn campground were started as well as a survey of alternate records for the shuttle course.

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Maintenance. Road maintenance, consisting almost entirely of snow removal, was confined to the section between [illegible] and on the service roads in the Lamar area. The road [illegible] of the rotary snowplow and three of the blade plow were necessary.

New Construction. All concrete work was completed on the north north Comfort Station, Project 3-1, and the carpenters had started work of interior finishing.

Special Improvement Activities. [illegible] activities were confined to grading operations on the Lamar cabin development area, construction of one employee's cottage, Project No. 30, and continuation of work on the minor road in the Lamar area, Project No. 60. More emphasis for this period was apportioned by enrollees, allotting between 35 and 40 as work strength on project work.

Park operators. The concession in Mr. Jack R. Ingle terminated on duty as resident operator for the park Medical Director, Dr. [illegible] Inman, succeeding Dr. R. [illegible] Hill, who resigned to engage in the medical practice in Michigan. The annual report covering the operations of C. E. Hamilton and Brighton Stores, Inc., was received and forwarded to Washington on December 23. The proposed schedule of rates for 1942 for Inc., Inc. was forwarded to Washington for approval on December 29, 1941. The proposed schedule of rates for the Yellowstone Park Company for 1942 was received on December 31 and will be forwarded to Washington, after review, for final approval.

Increase or decrease in travel. 401 persons entered the park during the month, as against 1077 last December. The total travel from October 1, 1941 to the end of December was [illegible], an increase of 14,770 to the same date last year, a decrease of 1%, or 1.

Ranger Service. Beginning on December 19, a weekly winter sports and game show bulletin was prepared for publication by the Weather Bureau at Helena, Montana. Big game hunting seasons were reopened during the month, requiring intensive patrols of park boundaries by rangers on foot, horseback, ski and automobile. Daily highway patrols were maintained after December 7, 1941 to guard against possible sabotage. Building and plant inspections in the Mammoth and Gardiner area were conducted on day and night shifts by rangers and the night watchman.

Police Protection. No law enforcement cases were reported during the month.

Wildlife Protection. The elk hunting season in Park County, Montana, adjoining the park (which was temporarily closed on November 15) was reopened on the morning of December 16. During the remainder of the month a total of 124 elk were reported taken in this area. This makes a grand total of 181 for the season on the entire Northern Yellowstone area. It is expected that the season will remain open until January 31.

Forestry and Forest Fire Protection. Three copies of the Park Fire Atlas for the season of 1941 have been prepared during the month. On December 4, one new one and one-half ton Forest Firefighting truck was received, tested, and placed in operation.

Trails. Ranger Gerald P. Yetter has been engaged most of the month in the preparation of rustic wood trail signs. 550 have been prepared for distribution to all districts in the park.

Accidents. One automobile accident occurred during the month causing the death of three elk and considerable damage to a private car driven by Mr. Tom L. Pittman of Cooke City, Montana.

Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of the Yellowstone Park Federal Employees' Union was held on December 1. A Dutch lunch was served following the meeting, at which meeting Clyde P. Fickes, President of the Montana Federal Employees' Union, was the principal speaker.

A Christmas program was put on by the children of the Mammoth community in the Canteen building on December 19, at which Santa Claus played the principal role and distributed gifts to all the children of the community.

Ranger Service. Beginning on November 15, [illegible] ranger stations and guard posts were manned and prepared for patrol duties on the Southern Division at Salem, Roseburg, and the Coastal Division. Ranger [illegible] were assigned to the north, requiring increased [illegible] boundaries by rangers on foot, horseback, and by airplane. Many bigger patrols were maintained after December 15, ready to guard against possible incendiary. Building and [illegible] in the Lookout and Ranger areas were completed on day and night shifts by rangers and the night watchmen.

Public Protection. No fatal accidents and [illegible] were reported during the month.

Wildlife Protection. The elk hunting season in Tillamook County, Oregon, adjacent the [illegible] (which was temporarily closed on November 15) was reopened on the morning of December 15. During the remainder of the month a total of 15 elk were reported seen in this area. This added a grand total of 181 for the season on the entire Northern California area. It is expected that the season will remain open until January 31.

Forestry and Forest Fire Protection. There occurred [illegible] Fire Alarms for the month of April have been reported during the month of December 1, [illegible] and one-half the [illegible] was received, handled, and closed in operation.

Traffic. Ranger [illegible]. [illegible] month in the prepared [illegible] prepared for distribution to all districts in the [illegible].

Legislation. The [illegible] considered during the month, [illegible] of these [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible].

Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of the [illegible] was held on December 1. A [illegible] was served following the meeting, [illegible] Supervisor, Director, President of the [illegible] and [illegible] appeared.

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Mrs. Eleanor "Bobby" Roylance, 33, wife of Francis P. Roylance, N. P. S. warehouseman, died at the Park Hospital in Livingston on December 31 after an illness of several weeks.

J. W. EMMERT

Acting Superintendent.

cc--Region Two